II. AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 27

Please add new claims 28-45 as follows:

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(New) A fiber optic linear light form comprising:

a plurality of light transmitting cores;

a plurality of light transmitting claddings, at least one of said claddings surrounding each of said cores to form a plurality of clad cores;

a finish jacket surrounding said clad cores; and

a light diverting layer surrounding said finish jacket, said layer adapted to permit transmission of light radiating outward from said cores and to divert ambient light incoming toward said clad cores.

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(New) A fiber optic linear light form comprising:

a plurality of light transmitting cores;

a plurality of light transmitting claddings, each of said claddings surrounding each of said cores;

a light diverting layer surrounding said clad cores collectively, as a bundle, said layer adapted to permit transmission of light radiating outward from said cores and to divert ambient light incoming toward said clad cores; and

a finish jacket surrounding said light diverting layer.

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(New) A fiber optic linear light form comprising:

a light transmitting core;

- a cladding surrounding said core;
- a finish jacket surrounding said cladding; and
- a light diverting layer surrounding said finish jacket, said layer adapted to permit transmission of light radiating outward from said core and to divert ambient light incoming toward to said core.

(New) The fiber optic linear light form of claim 28 wherein said light divertinglayer is a dichroic layer.

(New) The fiber optic linear light form of claim 28 wherein said light diverting layer is a reflective layer.

(New) The fiber optic linear light form of claim 28 wherein said light diverting layer is a refractive layer.

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34. (New) The fiber optic linear light form of claim 28 wherein said light diverting layer is a holographic layer.

39 (New) The fiber optic linear light form of claim 28 wherein said light diverting layer is a polarizing layer.

35 (New) The fiber optic linear light form of claim 29 wherein said light diverting layer is a dichroic layer.

(New) The fiber optic linear light form of claim 29 wherein said light diverting layer is a reflective layer.

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(New) The fiber optic linear light form of claim 29 wherein said light diverting layer is a refractive layer.

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39. (New) The fiber optic linear light form of claim 29 wherein said light diverting layer is a holographic layer.

(New) The fiber optic linear light form of claim 29 wherein said light diverting layer is a polarizing layer.

(New) The fiber optic linear light form of claim 30 wherein said light diverting layer is a dichroic layer.

(New) The fiber optic linear light form of claim 30 wherein said light diverting layer is a reflective layer.

43. (New) The fiber optic linear light form of claim 30 wherein said light diverting layer is a refractive layer.

(New) The fiber optic linear light form of claim 36 wherein said light diverting layer is a holographic layer.